

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of eliminating an unwanted connection to a destination associated with a node in a network, comprising the steps of:
- receiving, at the node, a signal requesting a connection to the destination;
 - determining a source of the signal;
 - 5 determining, at the node, information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and
 - requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- determining, at the node, whether the connection was accepted; and
 - modifying information associated with the destination.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein requesting the connection between the source and the destination, further comprises:
- sending a caller-id signal indicating the desire on behalf of the destination to accept the connection.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein requesting the connection between the source and the destination, further comprises:

sending a caller-id signal indicating the destination does not desire to accept the connection.

5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of:
declining, at the destination, the connection based on the information.

6. A system for eliminating an unwanted connection to a destination associated with a node in a network, comprising:

means for receiving, at the node, a signal requesting a connection to the destination;

- 5 means for determining a source of the signal;

means for determining, at the node, information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and

means for requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination.

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7. The system according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for determining, at the node, whether the connection was accepted; and

means for modifying information associated with the destination.

8. The system according to claim 6, wherein the means for requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination, further comprises:

means for sending a caller-id signal indicating the desire on behalf of the
5 destination to accept the connection.

9. The system according to claim 6, wherein the means for requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination, further comprises:

means for sending a caller-id signal indicating the destination does not
5 desire to accept the connection.

10. The system according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for declining, at the destination, the connection based on the
information.

11. A computer-readable medium capable of configuring a computer to perform a method of eliminating an unwanted connection to a destination associated with a node in a network, comprising:

program code for receiving, at the node, a signal requesting a connection
5 to the destination;

program code for determining a source of the signal;

program code for determining, at the node, information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and

program code for requesting the connection between the source and the
10 destination based on the determination.

12. The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, further comprising:
program code for determining, at the node, whether the connection was
accepted; and
program code for modifying an account associated with the destination.

13. The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the
program code for requesting the connection between the source and the destination
based on the determination, comprises:
program code for sending a caller-id signal indicating the desire on behalf
5 of the destination to accept the connection.

14. The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the
program code for requesting the connection between the source and the destination
based on the determination, comprises:
program code for sending a caller-id signal indicating the destination does
5 not desire to accept the connection.

16. A node within a network for eliminating unwanted calls, comprising:
an input for receiving a signal, from a source, requesting a connection to a destination;

17. The node according to claim 16, further comprising:

a memory for storing information indicating an account balance for the destination; and

wherein the processor modifies the account balance based upon whether

5 the destination accepts the connection.

1. General information	
1.1. Name of the project	1.2. Name of the institution
1.3. Address of the institution	1.4. Telephone number
1.5. Fax number	1.6. E-mail address
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19. A computer-readable medium referenced by a node within a network for eliminating unwanted phone calls comprising:

information identifying at least one destination;

information identifying at least one source; and

5 information reflecting a desire on behalf of the at least one destination to accept a connection from the at least one source.

20. The computer-readable medium according to claim 19, further comprising:

information tracking a history of accepted calls by the at least one destination.

21. The computer-readable medium according to claim 19, further comprising:
information tracking a history of declined calls by the at least one destination.

22. A processor within a network for eliminating unwanted calls, comprising:
an input means for receiving a signal requesting a connection to destination;

a module for determining a source of the signal;

5 a module for determining information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and

23. A node for receiving a connection across a network, comprising:

an input means for receiving a signal requesting a connection from a source;

means for identifying information reflecting a desire on behalf of the node

5 to accept the connection from the source; and

means for establishing the connection between the node and the source based on the information.